



***COVENANT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE  
BETWEEN CANDIDATE, CPM, AND SESSION; AND  
CANDIDATE RELEASE FORM***

After discussion of each of the Goals and Responsibilities of Inquirers, and each of the Goals and Responsibilities of the Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the following Covenant Agreement and Release should be completed.

***Copies of page 34 should be given to the Candidate, the Session, Stated Clerk of presbytery and the original retained in the Candidate's File Folder (Form 8).***

**COVENANT AGREEMENT AND CANDIDATE RELEASE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and discussed the goals and responsibilities of both Candidates and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry with the Presbytery Committee. I do hereby wish to be enrolled in the preparation for ministry process of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (hereinafter "**Church**") with the understanding that I subject myself to the guidance, counsel and disciplines of the Church as represented by the Presbytery and its Committee on Preparation for Ministry. I fully agree and understand that the decision of the Presbytery Committee regarding my suitability and readiness for ministry may involve questions and/or inquiries that are both personal and private and I hereby release the Church and its committees, agents and representatives from any claims, causes, or actions, which may arise from said inquiries and answers received to such inquiries or any uses made of such answers. Further, I grant permission to the Presbytery Committee to contact any person listed by me as a reference or any other person not so listed to discuss my suitability and readiness.

**I covenant with God, the Session, and the Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry, to rely upon the grace of God, to maintain a Christian character and conduct; to be diligent and faithful in pursuing my call and in preparing for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. By my signature, I hereby certify that this Covenant Agreement and Release is fully understood by me and I sign it understanding that I will be bound by its terms.**

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Committee on Preparation for Ministry covenants to be a faithful and just partner with you in this relationship; to support, to guide, to nurture and to evaluate you with an understanding and sympathetic interest as you pursue your call to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.**

Signature of Moderator,  
Committee on Preparation for Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Session covenants to be a faithful partner with you in this relationship; to support, to care and to nurture you with love as you pursue your call to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.**

Signature of the  
Moderator of Session: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

***CPM will copy and mail this page to all parties signing document and Stated Clerk of presbytery.***